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Providence woman is charged with selling fake immigration & Social Security cards *Woman was substituting photos on counterfeit cards*

Providence, RI – Special Agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Office of Investigations in Providence yesterday arrested 41 year old Julia Pensoy-Calel on a federal criminal complaint alleging that she sold counterfeit immigration and Social Security identification cards.

The arrest was jointly announced by United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente and Matthew Etre, Acting Resident Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement that was unsealed today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

According to an affidavit supporting the criminal complaint, the Providence woman sold counterfeit Resident Alien cards, also known as green cards, and fake Social Security account cards for \$125 a set on three occasions between December and March.

Photographs provided by the buyer had been inserted into the fake green cards. ICE agents monitored conversations involved in the sales.

Yesterday, a team of federal agents and police officers executed a search warrant at Pensoy-Calel's house on Newark Avenue and arrested her. Pensoy-Calel appeared today in U.S. District Court before Magistrate Judge David L. Martin, who set surety bond at \$5,000. The charge, transferring false identification documents for illegal use, is a felony and therefore subject to review by a federal grand jury.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is investigating the case, with assistance from the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General and Providence Police. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose is prosecuting the case.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.